

her fierce advocacy for women's rights and civil justice.

Justice Ginsburg's keen ability to build bridges between conservatives and liberal Justices garnered the respect of all jurists, regardless of their political philosophy, something we should take note of here in the people's House of Representatives, that we bridge the gap between our political differences and remember that we are Americans first.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg always reminded us that we are Americans first and that equal justice under the law is always the credo of the American way.

Justice Ginsburg served in so many ways for so many examples on how to balance the scales of justice. Our Nation will mourn Justice Ginsburg's loss and honor her legacy for generations to come, I truly believe, because she is a role model for all.

#### HONORING CARL NUNZIATO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about H.R. 5023, which names the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, as the Carl Nunziato VA Clinic.

This bill was recommended to my office and strongly supported by leaders within my congressional district's veterans community because they rightly wish to honor one of their own for his exemplary service. I thank them and Chairman MARK TAKANO, Ranking Member Dr. PHIL ROE, and their respective staffs for helping our office bring this bill to the floor, as well as my own staff, Zach Prager and Ivan De La Cruz Santiago.

Today is a red-letter day, Mr. Speaker, in my book because in the midst of all that is going on nationally, all the controversies, Congress can still put its differences aside to take time and recognize a true American hero: Carl Nunziato.

Carl was born in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1938, graduating from Rayen High School. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Clara, he would go on to attend college at Youngstown State University.

Through the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Carl earned a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. It was with his heart filled with love and devotion to his family, his hometown, and his country that he set off for the battlefields of Vietnam.

All those who served with Carl testify to his unmatched fighting spirit. If you ever found yourself in a foxhole with chaos all around you, Carl was the guy you wanted there with you because no matter what happened, you could be sure of one thing: Carl would never quit. Never.

Life would test Carl in ways that most Americans can't even imagine.

On November 22, 1966, Carl lost both of his legs when an enemy mortar round impacted less than 3 feet away from him as he was running toward his unit's command center.

On that battlefield, and over the next 2 years at home, Carl would fight for his life not far from where we stand today, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Carl may have walked out of that hospital on two prosthetic legs, but his resolve was more steadfast than before he walked in.

Carl returned to his hometown, Youngstown, Ohio, enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve, and with graduation began yet another battle: the fight for veterans and all Americans with disabilities.

As an attorney utilizing a wheelchair in the 1970s, most of the courthouses he encountered lacked the accessibility that he and other Americans like him needed to be able to simply get his job done.

Carl saw the problem and seized the initiative, as he had always done with obstacles he encountered in life. Carl created a committee to fight for veterans with disabilities and became a relentless advocate on behalf of all of those with the same conditions.

But Carl went even further. He established a task force to improve veterans services in Youngstown at a time when the VA sent the city a single nurse once a week when the Mahoning Valley had 40,000 veterans.

Carl wanted a VA clinic. VA said no. Carl didn't take no for an answer. Carl's efforts came to fruition in 1991 when the VA finally established an outpatient clinic in Youngstown.

Today, Carl continues to be a stellar citizen, not just for Youngstown, not just for the people of Ohio, not just for vets, not just for people with disabilities, but for all Americans.

Carl works tirelessly with the VA to continue improving the care received by veterans. Carl relentlessly pursues improving care and services for all Americans with disabilities.

The naming of this clinic, Mr. Speaker, is a small measure in comparison to what he has accomplished on behalf of our country's heroes and all of those with disabilities.

Carl never quits—never has quit, never will quit. And I am humbled to have the privilege of representing an individual of this caliber in this Chamber.

I will say, finally, when other vets and citizens from our community look at Carl's portrait hanging in this clinic and they see his name, they will know that things can get better. With effort, with grit, you can make a difference as long as you never quit, as long as you never take no for an answer.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 41 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUIGLEY) at 11 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The advance of coronavirus infections continues to rise in a number of States around our Nation. Send Your spirit of healing and well-being among those who suffer, and Your angels to protect the many healthcare workers who place their own well-being in danger every day.

Comfort those today in the Supreme Court who begin the public mourning for a beloved colleague, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Console those many who worked with and near her over so many years.

Bless the Members of the people's House who labor today to pass bills designed to advance the common weal of our Nation.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### PROTECTING AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration supports killing the only law that protects Americans from pre-existing

medical conditions. Fifty-four million Americans could lose health insurance coverage without this important patient protection, including nearly 7 million people stuck with COVID-19, the newest pre-existing condition.

COVID-19 has killed 200,000 Americans in less than 8 months, and 288,000 new COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in the last 7 days alone. The United States has 5 percent of the world's population and 25 percent of COVID-19 cases because the White House's response to COVID-19 was slow, sloppy, and chaotic. Now that same White House wants to kill the only law that protects Americans from COVID-19, the newest pre-existing condition.

We need a White House that protects American families and sides with the American people, keeping them and their families healthy and safe.

#### RECOGNIZING THE RIVET

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, I had the pleasure of touring the newest branch of the Centre County Discovery Space called The Rivet.

The Rivet is a 5,000-square-foot community workshop that aims to connect people and ideas to create and innovate. Members of the Centre County community can take advantage of open shop hours and classes that teach technical skills, critical thinking, and interactive learning.

At The Rivet, individuals can learn how to use 3D printers, woodworking machines, a pottery studio, CAD software, and the list goes on. America needs a qualified and skilled workforce.

In Pennsylvania jobs in the trades have been growing at roughly 3 percent each year, but job seekers with the qualifications for these positions aren't matching that growth. That is what we call "the skills gap."

I was encouraged by the work that The Rivet is doing by providing an outlet for those who are seeking a career powered by career and technical education.

I want to thank Rivet manager Camille Sogin for her work to provide CTE opportunities in Centre County.

#### REMEMBERING GIANA HUTTON

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Giana Hutton, one of my constituents and a passionate advocate for education and equity. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Giana grew up in Flossmoor, Illinois, and attended Parker Junior High School and Homewood-Flossmoor High School. She obtained her BA in history from Williams College in 2010 at just 18

years of age. Later, she completed a master's of science in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University, one of our Nation's most prestigious programs.

Between her studies, she interned for Illinois Senator Roland Burris, supporting staff working on education and judiciary policy.

Most recently, she was working as a program analyst for the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in Washington, D.C. In this role, she directly supported the educational success of District students by helping programs work better and be more effective.

She had recently been accepted in the District's Certified Public Manager Program Cohort at GW University.

Giana is survived by her fiancé, parents, and sister. Giana will be greatly missed by all, especially the young people whose lives she positively impacted through her work.

As we remember her life and legacy, we must recommit to her passion: educational equity and the opportunity for every young American to receive a quality education.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRONICLE

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the founding of The Chronicle, a weekly newspaper in my district.

The Chronicle was established by Mark Frost in 1980 in Glens Falls, New York. Through hard work and determination, Mark turned an initial investment of \$1,700 into a successful newspaper and small business. He remains the publisher and editor today, alongside their team who have been with The Chronicle for decades.

In that time, The Chronicle has established a loyal base of readers and advertisers, becoming truly a cornerstone of the community.

The Chronicle has also hosted events to provide a forum for discussion and to bring Glens Falls residents together, especially through The Chronicle Book Fair. The fair is an opportunity to highlight and connect local authors and publishers and discover books of all genres.

Annual events like this are important to strengthen and grow the fabric of our communities, and I know many who are looking forward to safely resuming them as soon as possible.

On behalf of New York's 21st District and the United States Congress, I would like to thank Mark Frost, his family, and the entire Chronicle team for their contributions to the community and congratulate them on reaching this important 40-year milestone.

#### PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, today, across the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte's brutal regime is using the pretext of a so-called anti-terrorism law to ramp up efforts targeting labor organizers, workers, and political opponents. This law allows suspects to be detained by the police or military without charges for as long as 24 days and placed under surveillance for up to 90 days.

In response to these abuses, I introduced the Philippine Human Rights Act, which would block U.S. funding for police or military assistance to the Philippines—outlining a series of basic criteria which would have to be met in order to resume such funding.

I am proud to stand alongside so many faith and civil society organizations in advocating for this legislation. And I am especially proud to stand with leaders of the U.S. labor movement: the AFL-CIO, the SEIU, the Teamsters, the Communication Workers of America. They understand that in fighting for their brothers and sisters in the labor movement abroad, they are also helping safeguard their own rights and dignity here at home.

Let us make clear that the United States will not participate in the repression. Let us stand with the people of the Philippines.

#### HISTORIC ABRAHAM ACCORDS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Post and Courier of Charleston on September 19 editorialized "Good news at last from the Middle East."

"A series of friendship treaties between Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates with Israel, midwifed by his (Trump's) unorthodox Middle East diplomatic team, provides constructive news from a region that sorely needs it."

"With strong support from his first United Nations ambassador, Nikki Haley, Mr. Trump rejected his predecessor's ambiguous stance toward Israel and strongly supported the Jewish nation. With worries increasing about Iranian aggression and power, some Arab nations began looking at Israel as a potential ally rather than an enemy."

"But Mr. Trump has been constructive in limiting Iranian interference in Iraq and promoting friendship between Israel and major Sunni Arab nations . . . he deserves credit for seizing the moment to take an important step toward creating a more peaceful region."

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.